

Remarks

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 4, 8, 10, 21-23, 27, 31 and 33 without prejudice and amended claims 2, 6, 7, 13-20, 29, 30, 36 and 37 as shown above. The amendments alter the recited dependency of certain dependent claims so that they will depend from various allowed independent claims. No new matter is presented by this amendment and consideration thereof should not require new search or examination.

Applicants thank the Examiner for extending to the undersigned attorney the courtesy of telephonic interviews on Monday, January 28, 2008 and Wednesday, January 30, 2008. The interviews dealt with the status of the application, the content of the Advisory Action, and the claim amendments shown above. As mentioned during the interviews, applicants will file a continuation application to pursue one or more of the cancelled claims.

Following entry of this amendment, claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12-20, 24-26, 28-30, 32 and 34-37 will be pending in this application, with all claims now being allowed or depending from allowed claims.

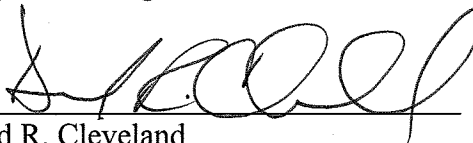
Conclusion

Applicants request entry of this amendment and encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there any questions regarding the application or this amendment.

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